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SUBJ: MOVIE " PIRATES" CONVICTED

REF: PRETORIA 221 AND PREVIOUS

1. PRESS APRIL 5 REPORTED (AND SATBEL HAS CONFIRMED TO US) THAT DEFENDENTS "S FILMS", WILTON LEVY, LEON LEVY AND DONALD WONG KIAN FOUND GUILTY OF RENTING COPIES OF " THE STING" WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNERS, UNIVERSAL FILMS. DEFENDENTS ALSO CONVICTED OF PUBLISHING A TV FILM ("THE ACCIDENT", FROM THE IRONSIDE SERIES) WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PUBLICATION CONTROL BOARD. DEFENDENTS FINED 4 RAND EACH ON FIRST CHARGE, 300 RAND EACH ON SECOND.

2. DESPITE INSIGNIFICANT FINE ON THE COPYRIGHT CHARGE SATBEL IS OPTIMISTIC THAT CASE WILL REDUCE FILM PIRATES' ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. COSTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE SUBSTANTIAL AND SATBEL BELIEVES MANY WILL NOW CEASE PIRATING ACTIVITY.

3. IN SEPARATE CIVIL ACTION SATBEL AND S FILMS HAVE SETTLED OUT OF COURT. SATBEL CLAIMS IT GOT ALL IT WAS AFTER IN CIVIL SUIT.

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4. SEEMS THAT THIS TIME STINGER BECAME STINGEE.
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